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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/864,338

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Examiner: S. Mai

For: LARGE SCALE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT WITH SENSE AMPLIFIER  
CIRCUITS FOR LOW VOLTAGE OPERATION

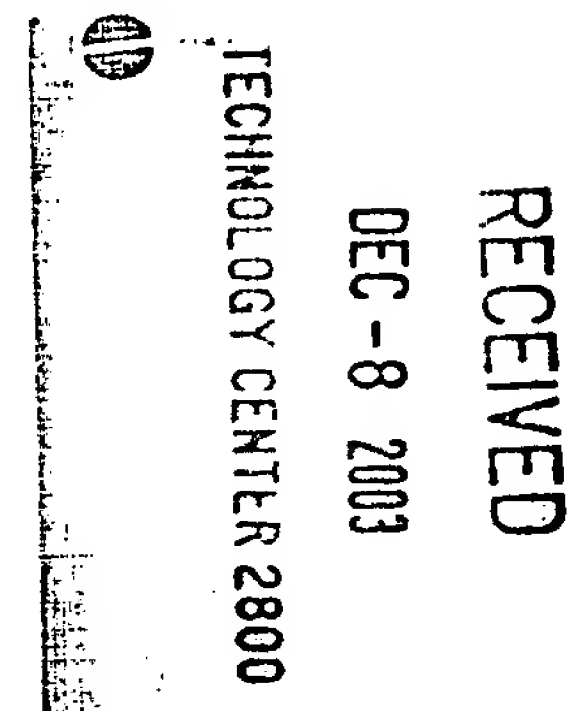
REPLY

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 20, 2003,  
Applicants advise the Examiner that the original patent from  
which the present reissue application is based was filed in  
the parent reissue application Serial No. 09/095,101. The  
present application is a continuation reissue application.  
The parent application has been reissued as RE 37,593 on  
March 19, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a mailroom date-stamped receipt  
from the Office of Preliminary Examination of the U.S. Patent  
and Trademark Office showing the original patent filed in the  
parent reissue application on June 12, 2000. Since the



original patent was surrendered in the parent reissue application, it is inaccessible to the Applicants for filing in the present continuation reissue application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that the submission of the date-stamped mailroom receipt submitted herewith complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.178 and therefore the Examiner can allow the present continuation reissue application on this basis.

If any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

The Examiner should find the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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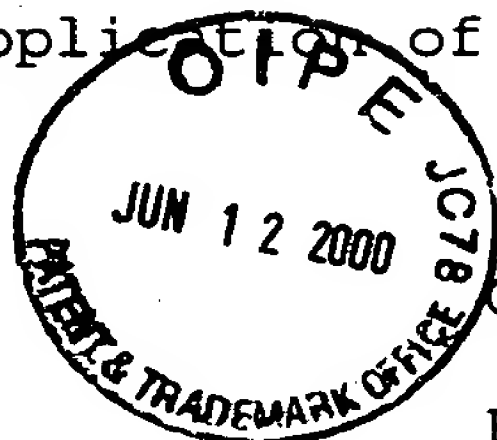
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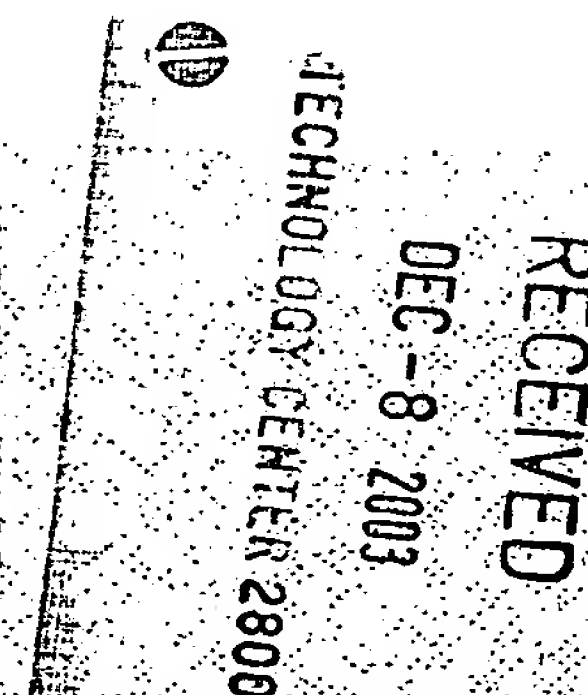
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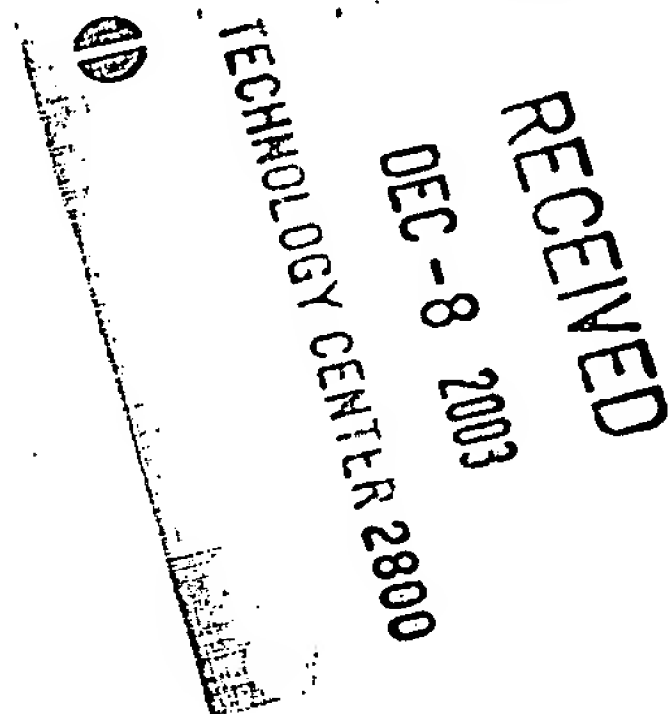
Papers Filed Herewith:

Transmittal Letter;  
Amendment;  
Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application;  
Petition for Extension of Time;  
Original U.S. Patent No. 5,526,313;  
Check No. 0119 in the amount of \$380.00 in payment  
of Extension of Time fee.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed, as  
identified in connection with the above-identified patent  
application.

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*Has received an application for a patent for a new and useful invention. The title and description of the invention are enclosed. The requirements of law have been complied with, and it has been determined that a patent on the invention shall be granted under the law.*

*Therefore, this*

## United States Patent

*Grants to the person or persons having title to this patent the right to exclude others from making, using or selling the invention throughout the United States of America for the term of seventeen years from the date of this patent, subject to the payment of maintenance fees as provided by law.*

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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